

The American Egret in Connecticut.—On the 28th of July, 1899, a fine specimen of the American Egret, *Ardea egretta*, was brought me, having just been shot from a tree on the shore of a small pond in this town, Kent. As the person in question passed near the pond, the great white bird flew up from the shore, alighted on a low tree close by, remaining until he returned from the house with a gun, and manifesting no shyness. It was a male, but whether old or young I could not decide, as, though without plumes or long feathers, it was of full measurements, and showed no lingering adolescence. This occurrence, forty miles inland, is probably much more unusual than the appearance of this species on Long Island Sound.—REV. HERBERT K. JOB, *Kent, Conn.*

Notes on the Nesting of the Blue-throated Hummingbird.—On February 16, 1899, while at a place called Las Minas, which is about five miles north of Las Vigas, Vera Cruz, Mexico, I found the nest of a Blue-throated Hummingbird (*Caligena clemencie*). The place was in a cañon and the elevation was about 4500 feet.

On February 12 we had snow, with thermometer down to 32° F. at 4 p. m., and on February 13, at 7 a. m., down to 29° F. All the plants and trees were covered with ice, and the leaves of almost everything were killed; we found many frozen birds, and that was the fate of the owner of this nest. We only had two cold days, but that was enough to destroy many birds.

The nest was fastened to a vine one tenth of an inch in diameter and about three feet above a small stream of water. The vine hung from a large rock and the nest was one and a half feet from the rock, and would have been sheltered from rain by the overhanging rock. The nest is of bulky structure, and is perhaps a new nest built on top of an old one. It is composed of fine moss massed together, and bound with spiders' webs or similar material. It measures, outer diameter, 2¾ inches, depth 4 inches; inside diameter, 1½ inches; depth, ¾ inch. There is very little lining, only enough for the eggs to rest on, consisting of down from some fern.

The two dull white eggs, elliptical oval in shape, measure .61×.35 and .62×.40 inch. The nest and eggs are now at the Smithsonian Institution.—JOSIAH H. CLARK, *Paterson, N. J.*

Evening Grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*).—This beautiful and dignified looking bird was exceedingly common in the city of Milwaukee, during the months of February and March, as many as thirty and forty often being seen in one flock. They frequented the box elder trees, which were covered with an unusual supply of seeds even in the densely populated parts of the city. One morning—the thermometer registered 20° below zero—while walking down Cedar Street I found the whole sidewalk underneath a fine old box elder covered with the broken parts